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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 September 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18,30-36 and 52 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 30-34 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-18,35,36 and 52 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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1. Claims 30-34 are allowed.
2. The 112 claim rejections, second paragraph are withdrawn.
3. The art rejections over Nomura et al (US 4,128,683) are withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, new grounds of rejections are made in view of JP 08-169076.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 1-18, 35, 36 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Support for the “the first layer and second layer made of different foamable materials” is not found in the present specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1-3, 8-14, 16-18, 35, 36 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 08-169076. US 5,861,202 to Kimura et al is relied on as an English translation of JP 08-169076. Any laminates comprising a carrier layer, a first layer of foamable material, a second layer of foamable layer comprising a bonding layer for securing the laminate to a substrate wherein the first layer and second layer are made of different foamable materials read on the claimed subject matter. Kimura discloses a multilayer composite film composed of at least two layers, a first layer made of a first thermoplastic resin and a second layer made of a second thermoplastic resin having a melting point lower than the first thermoplastic resin (abstract). The composite film contains a plurality of slits formed in a zig-zag pattern or randomly arranged as shown in figures 1, 2 and 4. Kimura discloses the reinforced laminated body comprising the multilayer film laminated with a base material, a nonwoven fabric and woven fabric (column 14, lines 5-20). The base material is a metal foil or a cloth (column 14, lines 14-15). Accordingly, it is the examiner's position that Kimura anticipates the claimed subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 7, 15 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura JP 08-169076 as applied to claims 1 and 14 above, further in view of Silvestre (US 5,260,097). Kimura discloses the reinforced laminated body used as a masking tape (column 14, lines 49-50). Kimura does not specifically disclose the use of the masking tape in combination with a vehicle door. Silvestre, however, teaches the use of the masking tape in combination with a vehicle door as shown figure 4. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the reinforced laminated body in combination with the vehicle door because such is the intended use of the material and Silvestre provides necessary details to practice the invention of Kimura.

Response to Arguments

10. The 112 claim rejections, second paragraph have been withdrawn in view of the present amendment.

11. The art rejections over Nomura (US 4128638) have been withdrawn because Nomura does not teach the two foam layers made from different foamable materials.

Allowable Subject Matter

12. Claims 30-34 are allowed. The reasons for allowance were stated in the 10/01/2004 Office Action.

Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hai Vo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1485. The examiner can normally be reached on M,T,Th, F, 7:00-4:30 and on alternating Wednesdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on (571) 272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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